

**WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

July 26, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners, Casey Lair, Andrew Miller & Jerry Scott, Kayla Busch, County Clerk and Kris Marple, County Coordinator, met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room.

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Lair called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Miller gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Scott led the flag salute.

AGENDA & MINUTES:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve the agenda as presented, and approve the minutes of July 19, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Kris Marple, County Coordinator, discussed the school nurse contract with USD #387 and the nonpayment for years 2019-2022, which was approved by consensus to request the amount due as their school budget allows. He also informed that the county landfill truck needed a new turbo in the amount of \$10,000. He also reported on the final draft of the FY2024 proposed budget of 70.619 mills with the revenue neutral rate increase of 1.5 mills from FY2023.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve the FY2024 proposed county budget for publication with a hearing date of September 6, 2023 at 10:00 am. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT. REPORT:

Kary Tatum, Road & Bridge Supervisor, gave an update on the bridge culvert on 1500 Road East of Jade Road. He also discussed bridge repairs needed at 275 & Reno Road. He also presented a quote from Hall Brothers to Onyx Mastic Surface Seal portions of Decatur Road and New Albany Road in the amount of \$293,000, which was tabled until other quotes can be obtained. He also requested approval to employ Ryatt Reddick, which was approved by consensus.

SHERIFF'S DEPT. REPORT:

Sheriff Jack Lucke, reported that two air conditioner units are inoperable at the LEC and are being replaced with spare units. He also reported that he still in the process of acquiring estimates for patrol vehicles.

COUNTY CLERK'S REPORT:

Kayla Busch, County Clerk, reported that there were 28 early voters in Neodesha on July 21st. She also reported that she was waiting on two RNR hearing notices to be received so she can submit the RNR file for mailing by August 10th.

EMS Sales Tax:

Ed Trulove, Neodesha City Administrator, Stephanie Fyfe, Neodesha City Clerk, Keenan Fyfe, Neodesha Fire Chief, Johnathan Durrett, Fredonia Regional Hospital CEO, and Todd Ballard, Fredonia EMS Director inquired about the future distribution of the County EMS sales tax. Following discussion, the consensus was that the sales tax be split 50/50 between the two agencies upon allocation to the County. Commissioner Miller requested a periodic financial report from the agencies showing the EMS expenditures. The effective date will be further discussed in September.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve splitting the County EMS sales tax 50/50 with the City of Neodesha EMS & Fredonia EMS with a semi-annual budget report. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Agreed by consensus to cancel the August 2nd meeting.
2. Approved warrants in the amount of \$134,825.45.
3. Approved payroll in the amount of \$117,817.93.
4. Approved tax roll corrections: 2023-242 to 283.
5. Reports received: Employee Overtime.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m. to reconvene on **Wednesday, August 9, 2023** at 9:00 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS**

RECORDED BY:

Casey Lair, Chairman

Kayla Busch, County Clerk